

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, Howard Bastian and Helen Hardt were married on October 15, 1938 in Aberdeen, South Dakota; and,

WHEREAS, They have spent their lives in Aberdeen raising three above average children, one of whom finally found steady, gainful employment at the age of 32; and,

WHEREAS, As lifelong residents of South Dakota they have survived drought and blizzards, not to mention the teenage indiscretions of their children; and,

WHEREAS, Throughout the college educations of their children, which they cheerfully provided, Howard consistently had a single query--"How's the car running?"; and,

WHEREAS, Through the wisdom and good fortune of their children, they have acquired two daughters-in-law and one son-in-law, and who together have produced five of the brightest and best-looking grandchildren in this state or any other; and,

WHEREAS, Though not set in their ways, they have subsisted on a single dietary menu--hamburgers on the grill--every Friday night for time immemorial; and,

WHEREAS, Howard has always golfed, fished or hunted only because "the boys wanted to go" and left Helen to tend and clean the bushes along with other required lawn and garden chores; and,

WHEREAS, It is only an old basketball injury that keeps Howard from fishing longer, shooting straighter, or overclubbing an 8 iron; and,

WHEREAS, Helen has endured Howard's spring fishing and fall hunting expeditions and, to her credit, has refused to clean the game for the past twenty years, so it is somewhat fitting and proper that this anniversary fall on the first day of pheasant season; and,

WHEREAS, It is the wish of this Governor that Howard and Helen have a great celebration of this special day and that they continue to enjoy the love of their family and friends long into the future:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE S. MICKELSON, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim October 15, 1988, as

HOWARD AND HELEN BASTIAN DAY

in South Dakota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Thirteenth Day of October, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Eight

GEORGE S. MICKELSON, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

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JOYCE HAZELTIME, SECRETARY OF STATE